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1. The Soviet peace offensive which followed Stalin's death is generally considered in Communist Party and official economic circles in Poland to be a Soviet maneuver designed to give the USSR time to improve its industrial and economic situation and, through appeasing the West, to obtain necessary raw materials and machinery through an increased trade. It is generally believed that this new policy will last two or three years.
2. The Poles themselves believed that another result of the new policy would be a reduction of Soviet economic pressure on Poland itself and the enjoyment by Polish industries of more freedom to trade outside the Soviet orbit. Up to the end of April some relaxation of Soviet control was quite evident. From the beginning of May, however, Soviet direct control of Polish economy and Polish industry showed signs of increasing and policy aspects of Polish foreign trade came once more under direct Soviet control.
3. The dispatch of trade delegations abroad is now entirely Soviet-controlled and is usually undertaken by the Soviets whenever Soviet economic requirements make it necessary to obtain specific goods from the West.
4. A special department has now been set up in each Polish state trading concern; this department deals with Soviet orders and is camouflaged under various names. In the state chemical purchasing office, CIECH, for instance, it is known as the engineering department (Wydział Inżynieryjny), whose offices are in the CIECH building. Only those who are employed in the special department have access to it and its employees are not known; it is believed however

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that they are all Russians. The head of this engineering department comes directly under Pilat, the general director of CIECH ( a nominee of the Central Committee of the PZPR).

5. The technical direction of CIECH is conducted by two vice-directors, one of whom is a nominee of the Ministry of Foreign Trade and the other of the Ministry for Chemical Industries.
6. Satellite states are being encouraged to conduct triangular deals with the object of obtaining strategic material from the West for East Germany, in the same way as they have been encouraged to buy on behalf of China.
7. The Polish Ministry of Foreign Trade is particularly interested in purchasing terramycine and Polish trade representatives abroad have been instructed to do what they can to obtain any quantity of this.

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